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SUBJECT: ALLIED DISCLAIMERS TO ITU AND UPU

REF: A) BONN 4568; B) STATE 55695; C) BONN 4360

1. IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY OF MISUNDERSTANDING
WITH THE BRITISH AND FRENCH REGARDING QUESTIONS CONNECTED
WITH GDR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ITU AND UPU, WE BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO EXPLAIN OUR POSITION TO THEM AGA-
IN IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

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A) THE US HAS NOT YET TAKEN A DECISION TO VOTE FOR GDR
MEMBERSHIP IN THE TWO BODIES. PENDING SUCH A DECISION

WE CANNOT USE THE INTRODUCTORY LANGUAGE WHICH THE BRITISH AND FRENCH PROPOSE TO INCLUDE IN THEIR DISCLAIMER TEXTS.

B) WE ARE NOT SEEKING TO DISSUADE THE BRITISH AND FRENCH FROM VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY ON GDR MEMBERSHIP WHICH FLOWS LOGICALLY FROM THE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH THE GDR.

C) WE WOULD PREFER, HOWEVER, TO AVOID THE UTILIZATION OF SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT DISCLAIMER LANGUAGE BY THE THREE POWERS SINCE THE DISCLAIMERS ARE INTENDED FOR THE PERMANENT RECORD AND IN SUBSTANCE HAVE NO DIRECT CONNECTION WITH WHETHER THE POWERS MAKING THE DISCLAIMER HAVE RECOGNIZED

THE GDR OR NOT.

D) THIS IS WHY A REASONABLE SOLUTION, IN OUR VIEW, WOULD BE FOR THE FRENCH AND BRITISH TO GO AHEAD AND VOTE FOR GDR MEMBERSHIP, THUS CONSTITUTING CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THE ONLY POINT IN THE PROPOSED INTRODUCTORY LANGUAGE, NAMELY THAT THE BRITISH AND FRENCH APPROVE OF GDR ADMISSION. SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE THREE POWERS WOULD SUBMIT THE IDENTICAL DISCLAIMERS WHICH AFFIRM THE CONTINUATION OF ALLIED PRACTICES (PARA 3, REFTEL C).

B. IF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH CONTINUE TO INSIST ON USING INTRODUCTORY DISCLAIMER LANGUAGE, WE PROPOSE THAT THEY GO AHEAD AND DO SO IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR AFFIRMATIVE VOTE. THE US WILL DEFER FILING ITS DISCLAIMER UNTIL EITHER THE GDR GAINS ENTRY OFFICIALLY INTO THE ITU AND UPU, OR WE HAVE DECIDED TO VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY FOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP-- WHICHEVER COMES EARLIER. SHOULD WE VOTE FOR THE GDR, WE WILL USE THE SAME DISCLAIMER TEXT AS THE BRITISH AND FRENCH. IF NOT, WE WILL UTILIZE THE TEXT IN PARA 3, REFTEL C. ROGERS

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